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1. An order from Moscow, received by the SMW during April 1953, cancelled all projects which had not already been approved prior to 31 December 1952.
2. Upon the return of Grigori Sidorenko, General Director of the SMW, from Moscow on 27 May 1953, Perebilizin (fmu) and Ludkov (fmu), chiefs of the Rohrverwaltung, departed for Moscow. Perebilizin claimed that he was being summoned to Moscow along with his deputy because the test drillings as well as the deep drillings had failed to bring the expected results. The production goal, as reported to Moscow, had not been reached and the money, as a result, had been spent fruitlessly. An explanation will have to be made in Moscow as to why the drillings had been ordered and what caused their failure.
3. The SMW plans to start deep drillings in the area of Schwechat sometime during June 1953. It is believed that the two rigs now stationed at Kagram will be used for this purpose.
4. During May 1953, 17,248 tons of crude oil were shipped to Czechoslovakia and East Germany from the Matzen railroad station.

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Comment: An order from Wifc, reported in [REDACTED] stated that shipments of oil were to be made only to Czechoslovakia. This order has not been rescinded but Matzen has received further orders to ship to East Germany as well as to Czechoslovakia.

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